

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation****Federal Tax ID: 92-0120006****District****Project Title:**

# Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District - Chena Slough Restoration Project

**State Funding Requested: \$ 80,000****House District: 11 - F**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Continued restoration of the Chena Slough Watershed State funds used as local match for leveraging federal dollars funding the project from the Natural Resource Conservation Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife. Improvements to the Nordale Road crossing is the next phase of the project.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$3,071,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$1,122,500	01 - 08	\$100,000	09	\$500,000	10-14
State Funds	\$748,500	03 - 08			\$500,000	10-14
Total	\$1,871,000		\$100,000		\$1,000,000	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Effects of increased urbanization along Chena Slough contributed to accelerated degradation of one of the most popular Arctic Grayling fisheries in Interior Alaska. The Chena Slough Technical Committee was formed in 2000 to address the problems of the slough, the fish habitat, and remedies. The committee has members from the public who live in the area and several state and federal agencies including Alaska Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, USGS, Alaska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, the City of North Pole, and the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District.

This is the seventh year of the project and five slough crossings have been upgraded by removing small culverts placed in the slough during the 1967 flood as a temporary fix for washed out bridges. They have been replaced with bridges and large culverts that don't impede the water flow. The improved crossings now provide adequate fish passage and recreational activities. There are still two crossings to be improved-Nordale and Peede.

**Project Timeline:**

Secure funding by July 2009

Slough cleanup work summer of 2009

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No